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Educator, 22 grads to receive degrees

by Bill Shea

Some 22 graduates will receive their degrees and one honorary degree will be awarded during Wartburg's mid-year Commencement service Sunday, Dec. 10. The ceremony will be at 10:30 a.m. in Nuemann Auditorium.

Walter L. Cunningham, the special assistant to the superintendent of the Waterloo Community School District, will receive an honorary doctor of humanities degree and give the Commencement address. Cunningham, who served as principal of Waterloo's East High School for 13 years, was the first black high school principal in Iowa.

Cunningham has served on the board of directors of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Educational and Vocational Training, the KBBG Afro-American Community Broadcasting Radio Station and the Greater Waterloo Opportunities Industrialization Center. He is also the recipient of a number of other awards for service to Waterloo and its black community.

Dr. Carlyle Haaland, acting vice president for academic affairs, explained that December Commencement is a relatively new event at Wartburg. "This is the fourth year its been done," he said. "The college has deliberately tried to build a ceremony for those who graduate at a non-traditional time."

Haaland said Dr. Warren Schmidt of the Music Department will provide special organ music for the ceremony at which President Robert Vogel will bestow degrees on the 22 graduates. Campus Pastor Larry Trachte will lead the service.

The following is a list of December graduates:

Mohammad Afzal	Business Admin.
Sohail Arbab	Business Admin.
Heather Boehnke	Elementary Education
Jill Bowden	Communication Arts
Ronda Brozik	Business Admin.
Sheila Carlson	Elementary Education
Sunit Dutta	Business Admin.
Randy Goerner	Elementary Education
Julie Heilskov	Business Admin.
Elizabeth Juhl	Elementary Education
Shahid Kaleem	Business Admin.
Namiko Kaneko	Business Admin.
Todd Lineburg	CIS
Travis Linkin	CIS
Shayna Nygren	Business Admin.
Stephanie Paulsen	Communication Arts
Hakim Raza	Business Admin.
Rohit Roy	Business Admin.
Eric Spake	English
Jolynn Staley	Business Admin.
Sherry Wagner	Elementary Education
Lisa Wolter	Business Admin.

Christmas with Wartburg takes stage

MUSICIANS GIVE HOLIDAY PERFORMANCE–The Wartburg Band and Choir join forces during Thursday's Christmas with Wartburg show. The performance was taped by Iowa Public Television for broadcast later in December. Kevin Bender photo.

Smoking in Buhr Lounge discussed

Senate considers replacing convention with series of debates, primaries

by Sheri Wearda

A nominating convention to select candidates for Student Body President and Vice President may become a thing of the past at Wartburg College. Student Senate examined a proposal that would change the present system Tuesday.

The proposal calls for the abolition of the nominating convention. A series of debates would be held in place of the convention. Following the debates a primary election would be held in which the whole student body would vote.

If a ticket received 50 percent of the vote plus one the ticket would be declared the winner. If no ticket receives the necessary amount, the top two tickets would face each other in a run-off election.

Senators who support the proposal feel it would get more students involved in the election process. Administrative Ombudsperson junior Al Feirer said that the philosophy behind the convention is that 1/8 of the student body is more informed, so eliminating the convention would be a drawback.

Senior Ross Roloff noted students like the convention because it adds excitement to the election process. Feirer said excitement is nice, but Senate is interested in finding a way to better serve the students and get things done in an effective manner.

Interest has been shown in having a dead week at Wartburg. Dead week is a week before final exams when there are no tests or papers due. If students want a dead week at Wartburg it could not be instituted right away. It would need to be worked into the school calendar.

Complaints about the smell resulting from smoking in Buhr Lounge have been expressed. Senior Jeff Ditto said he's heard from students who feel oppressed because they have only the small area for smoking and many times furniture is taken out of the area. Both faculty and students use the smoking area and there is no other place in the Student Union where smoking is allowed.

Junior Wade Eichhorn, student body vice president, suggested getting a better smoke-buster or ventilation to deal with the smell.

Senate looked into student health services offered at Wartburg. It was reported that for the last four years Randi Ellefson, the college nurse, has asked for a part time person to work with her. Ellefson said she feels health services are adequate but that the Health and Wellness Center is in a bad location.

Ellefson directs three areas as part of the student health program. They are student care, keeping medical records and health promotion such as blood pressure clinics.

Nagle keynotes

Leadership Institute's first community program to address environmental concerns

by Luann Wright

The college's Institute for Leadership Education will debut Thursday, Dec. 7, when it presents a conference on Natural Resource Preservation and Agricultural Diversification.

U.S. Representative Dave Nagle will keynote the event.

The conference also features seminars on some 30 topics dealing with agricultural diversification and support of the environment.

According to Dr. Fred Waldstein, director of the Institute, the conference is both timely and needed. "Iowans are becoming sensitive to how fragile and important our environment is," he said. "Because Iowa is an agricultural state, we need to develop economic incentives for alternatives that are environmentally sound."

"This project involves faculty, students and staff - it's an entire community event," Waldstein said. "This will be the Institute's first effort to put our leadership perspective into practice."

Registration is from 8:30-9:15 a.m. in the lobby of Nuemann Auditorium. Students may attend sessions free.

Following welcoming remarks by President Robert Vogel and Dr. Lee Kolmer, extension economist, Nagle will deliver his address on "Iowa's Future: Alternative Agriculture and the Environment."

Four concurrent sessions then will be conducted on non-traditional crops and animal enterprises and management practices that protect the environment and are economically sound. In as many cases as possible, market representatives will work with people who have production expertise.

Nagle is a member of the House Agriculture Committee and serves on three of its subcommittes. He also organized the coalition that won passage for Farm Credit System reform legislation and he was the only Iowan named to the Congressional Drought Relief Task Force.

The conference is co-sponsored by the Iowa State University Extension Service and Wartburg's Institute for Leadership Education.

editorial

Clinton fires should cause alarm

There was a hot time in Clinton Hall a few weeks ago that should have some people concerned, if not downright scared.

It appears that some devious character or characters set a series of fires throughout that particular dormitory. At least one of those fires, the one involving the lounge carpeting, had the potential to cause a severe emergency. If someone had not stopped that fire with an extinguisher when they did the flames could have consumed the rest of the lounge furniture and filled the entire building with deadly smoke.

Hopefully the fire bugs will not strike campus again. However, students and staff had better start taking a serious look at campus fire safety in case the fire bugs do return.

How many of those of you who live in Clinton Hall actually got up and left the building when you heard the alarms going off? Those who ignored the alarms and did not leave the building took a big gamble. Had the situation turned out differently that morning they could have ended up leaving the building on a stretcher.

False alarms are another matter. Everyone who has the intelligence and maturity to go to college should know not to cause false alarms. But sometimes students do cause them. Pulling the alarm or squirting water into the smoke detector to make it go off is not only stupid, it is actually dangerous.

False alarms cause people to ignore all fire alarms in the belief that "It's just another false alarm." This kind of attitude causes big problems when a real emergency occurs.

The Residential Life staff also bears *responsibility for campus fire safety. The hall* directors and RAs should conduct fire drills to make sure all students not only know what to do in case of an emergency but also do it.

Teaching RAs and other students the proper way to handle a fire extinguisher would be beneficial in preventing a small fire from becoming a big one.

Wartburg can also take some large scale measures in the future to enhance dormitory fire safety. Installation of a sprinkler system in each dormitory would be one such measure. Most firefighters will be quick to explain that there has never been a fatal fire in a building with a complete, fully operational sprinkler system.

The time is right to think about safety. Remember that big tragedies often start as small fires.

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Summit in cemetery

Bush, Gorbachev conclude meeting in graveyard

"Pssst! George! Pssst! Hey, Bush! Over here!"

"Gorby, is that you? Gorby? Gorby?"

"Over here, behind this gravestone. And keep your head down, stupid. There are reporters everywhere."

"Hey, nice Underdog costume, Gorby. You were right when you said you'd be deep undercover."

"I'm trying to keep incognito if at all possible."

"Is that your interpreter wearing the Alf mask and the tutu?"

"Yeah. Do you know how hard it is to translate 'pssst' into Russian?"

"Do you mind telling me why you wanted to meet in secret in this Italian graveyard? I mean, we just had a two-day summit meeting."

"Did you get away from your bodyguards o.k.?"

"I told them I was having a massive diarrhea attack and they gave me room."

"Super. Anyway, George, I thought we should talk a bit because there was a little trouble at the summit."

"Oh, you mean when we invited Synthesis 2000 to provide the entertainment? Yeah, I'm really sorry about that..."

"No, actually it was my former interpreter. I just found out he didn't know any English, so we probably talked nonsense for two days."

"I was wondering why you said, 'I'll take Norwegian History for $200, Alex' when I asked you about missiles in Europe."

"My bad."

"Listen, no matter how sick I pretend to be, my plane still leaves for the States in a few minutes. What did you want to discuss?"

"Well, it's this whole Eastern Europe thing. You see, we've got this December Fool's Day tradition in Russia."

"So?"

"So none of it's true."

"Say that again, this time more slowly."

"Believe me, I would have told you earlier, but it all seemed to be going so well. Hey, don't get red in the face, George! Learn to laugh at yourself."

"What about the tape showing hundreds of thousands of people protesting in Czechoslovakia?"

"That was a Rolling Stones concert."

"And the Berlin Wall scenes?"

"Riot footage after a British soccer game. Really, your news anchors are very gullible."

"Are you saying that none of these reform stories are true then?"

"For the most part. Come on, lighten up."

"Gorby, do you have any idea of the harm you've probably caused? Not to mention that it makes me look like a fool."

What in the World...

by Tim Pearson

"I know. That's why I'm thinking of defecting."

"Are you serious?"

"No. Catch a clue, George."

"O.K., Gorby, I want your word as a gentleman that these supposed reforms of Eastern Europe will in fact take place sometime in the near future."

"Way ahead of you. I've been feeding you a line–everything's happened just like you thought. I just wanted us to have a few laughs before we went our separate ways."

"How am I supposed to trust you now?"

"Has there ever been a reason not to trust the Soviets?"

Evaluation forms

Kurtz offers readers opportunity to grade him

Okay everyone, listen up! It's that time of the semester again. We're going to spend the next 15 minutes or so filling out the columnist evaluation forms.

Now I know you've had just about enough of these teacher evaluation forms, but this is better. Maybe not. But rest assured, these forms are not pointless and they will be looked at thoroughly and used (unless, of course, we don't like the answers that are received).

Kurtz Korner

by Dave Kurtz

Okay, any questions?
No, you may not use a pen.
No, I don't have a pencil for you.
You can get a free one in President Vogel's office.
Any other questions?
Let's get started.

1.) How much enthusiasm did you have to read this column?
__ none __ a lot
__ some __ a super-duper amount

2.) Did this column show evidence of planning by the columnist?
__ yes __ maybe
__ no __ I plead the Fifth Amendment

3.) Did the columnist seem interested in what he was doing? (Note: question does not read, Did the columnist know what he was doing?)
__ yes __ yes, after we woke him up
__ I didn't notice __ what?

4.) Should this columnist be paid big money for what he's doing?
__ yes __ yes
__ yes __ yes

5.) Did this column pertain to issues at Wartburg?
__ yes __ yes, in an odd sort of way
__ no __ what issues at Wartburg?

6.) Did the columnist introduce stimulating ideas?
__ yes __ don't make me laugh
__ no __ zzzzzzzz

Use this space for personal comments directed toward the columnist. These comments will help the columnist in the future, so be kind and don't lie. These comments will only be seen by the columnist (ha-ha, right!).
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Amount of money I'm going to give to this columninst
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Oh, by the way, is anyone willing to collect all of these and bring them to Becker?

Thanks!

letters

Peace and Justice President details Namibian election results

About a month ago Wartburg's Namibian students gave a convocation on Namibia's first elections, which were held Nov. 7-11. I thought people might be interested in the results, especially since there was so little attention given to this in the media.

Elections for a constituent assembly in Namibia leading to the country's independence were declared "free and fair." Despite long lines, inadequate number of polling stations and shortage of ballots in some areas, 96 percent of those registered voted. In many areas, there were not enough translators for UN observers who were monitoring the election process. Out of the 680,000 that voted, however, 10,000 were South Africans who were allowed to register under an agreement between South Africa and the UN. The DTA, which is backed by South Africa, is alleged to have kidnapped people from Angola and through intimidation forced them to vote for DTA.

SWAPO, Namibia's largest party, won 54 percent of the party. DTA, a South African backed party, received 27 percent of the votes. SWAPO with other coalition parties has 47 out of 72 seats on the constituent assembly, falling just one seat short of the two thirds majority needed to approve a constitution. DTA and UDF have 25 seats, one seat over one third, making them able to block approval.

Until a constitution has been approved by a two thirds majority of the constituent assembly and an independence day determined, South African Administrator General Louis Pienaar will continue to govern. This is expected to take some months. UNTAG (the United Nations' observation team) has authority to be there until the new government is set up or until April 1, 1990. Intimidation and violence by DTA supporters against known SWAPO supporters has increased since the election.

Kris Gannett
Junior
President, Students for Peace and Justice

Layman says review missed point of play

I am writing in response to the review of this fall's theatre production of "Come Back, Little Sheba."

I was flattered by the things that were said about me but I feel the review was very incomplete. Nothing positive was said about the other cast member's performances. Not a word was mentioned about the work of the crew or our director, Peg Hanfelt. Everyone's work and dedication was exceptional. Any play is a group effort and nothing could happen without everyone working together. This play could not have possibly been "carried" by one person.

I would like to thank my co-lead, Rick Powell. Without his excellent portrayal of Doc, along with the rest of the cast and crew, I could not have given an acceptable performance.

If the only memory that Mr. Piper had after seeing the play was a slurred line delivered by Miss Dunn, I feel sorry for him. This play was filled with many meaningful themes and issues that need to be dealt with.

Any personal attack on a specific actor or actress in any theatrical review shows an absence of any journalistic scruples. I would hope that a more professional attitude will be taken when critiques are published for future productions.

Angela Layman
senior

Play director blasts review of 'Come Back, Little Sheba'

The recent review of "Come Back Little Sheba" was a blatant example of poor reporting. What appeared was not a review of the show, but merely a synopsis of the story and a personal attack of one of the show's actors.

I believe Mr. Piper owes the actors and crew an apology for his hurried and inept review and especially to Ms. Dunn for letting personal feelings color his objectivity of her performance. This was inexcusable.

Responsible reviews include a mention of the total production, citing highlights in action by actors to challenge an audience, which actors stood out without stating only one person carried a show. One should look at the technical aspects, the set, the lighting and sound, scene changes and how they were executed. What about the stage properties and hand props? How do they add to the setting? Do they add or detract from the show? Also costumes and make-up?

It is not the job of a Trumpet reviewer to put his/her self above a production. He/she is not a pro and should not try to act as one. It is not his/her job to take cheap shots at actors. One must remain responsible.

If one only read Mr. Piper's "review" of our show, one surely was not impressed. It is obvious he missed the entire message of the play and showed no sensitivity to the hours of work and research that went into authenticating a late 1940s setting–both by performers and crew members as well as by the director. To have omitted the performance of Rick Powell as Doc was appalling. Mr. Powell portrayed the complex character of an alcoholic struggling with keeping sober. The range of emotions explored by this actor deserved at least a mention. He brought truth and a frightening believability to an extremely tough role.

It was the fine ensemble performances of both Doc and Lola, played by Angie Layman, that should have been noted. Their chemistry and total understanding of their characters is what carried the show, as well as the performances of all the performers.

Sunday's performance was met with a standing ovation, a fitting tribute to the work, empathy and realism brought to "Little Sheba" by all members of the cast and crew.

Only two productions are done each year at Wartburg. We deserve better coverage by the Trumpet as well as reviews that reflect the total production. They should be written by competent students who are mature enough to leave personal grievances aside and report objectively and intelligently.

I hope that future shows will receive a better shake than was given to "Come Back, Little Sheba."

Peggy Hanfelt
Director

Overdues pile up at library

The end of the term is near. Overdue and lost books are piling up at the library.

"You can tell when students have term papers due because they have a stack of overdue books," said junior Kaylene Clendenen. "They keep them until their papers are turned in."

Students with overdue books get three notices. There is no charge on the first notice, second notice includes a $1 fine and third notice includes a $3 fine. If the book is not brought back, it gets billed to the student.

Overdue periodical notices are sent out each day. After three notices, the student is charged $3.

Senior hunter disagrees with sports columnist

Well first off I would like to thank Bob Howie for writing his "From the sidelines" article in the Nov. 13 issue of the Trumpet on something he knows nothing about, hunting. I found it rather amusing. I am writing back in reply to this article to set a few facts straight.

First of all we don't go out using bazookas. We usually use a shotgun or a 22 rifle, which has a narrow target area and a person has to have a pretty accurate shot in order to hit something. This makes it more difficult than someone who probably has never been hunting can make it sound. Hunting is very much a sport that takes patience in tracking game and accuracy in hitting the game.

Many people just don't go hunting for the sport of it; they go out because they enjoy nature and try to preserve its status. The previous article failed to mention that hunting keeps the game population "in sinc" with the habitat. In other words, game such as deer would starve to death because the fall population is usually too great for all to survive through the winter.

Hunting is very much a sport, but unlike others it helps control game population, and in doing this, can make a person really appreciate nature.

Troy Mielke
senior

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Members of the Wartburg Community are invited to attend an all-day conference on "Natural Resources Preservation and Agricultural Diversification" to be held on Campus Dec. 7. Registration is in Neumann Auditorium from 8:30–9:15. For more information, contact Fred Waldstein at x259.

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Fires strike Clinton Hall

by Sherlylea Downes

Three fires were reported in Clinton Hall Saturday, Nov. 11, resulting in damages up to $1,100.

According to Clinton Hall Director Darrin Acker, someone deliberately set fire to the carpet of Clinton One South, causing a burn mark approximately one and a half feet in diameter.

Acker said the fire alarms went off at 2:30 a.m. Remains of two more fires were found in the bathroom of Clinton One South and in the hallway.

Acker encourages anyone that knows information about who is responsible for these fires to come forward and talk to him.

"It is not just a joke when fire alarms are set off, it is a serious offense and should be dealt with accordingly," said Acker.

Students to get chance to star in videos

by Jodie Kobold

Music Video Traxx (MVT), a video recording booth, will be set up in Buhr Lounge Tuesday, Dec. 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Students will be able to record a song and star in a video which they may keep.

"Students will select a song from the provided music list, sing it, then lip sync the song while performing in a video," said senior Diane Tutko, chairperson of the Student Activities Programming Committee. "The cost is $1 for each student."

Up to four people will be allowed in each video, according to Tutko. A variety of costumes, instruments and back drops will be available for students to choose from. The music list will provide a combination of hard rock, Christmas and Top 40 music.

Students bring groundwater concerns to surface

by Luann Wright

When senior Phyllis Carolus combed the county this year to take water samples for her internship at the Bremer County Health Department, she didn't realize residents would be so concerned about groundwater quality.

"There's been so much media attention about groundwater that people are anxious to learn what they're drinking," said the senior business and horticulture science major.

Carolus and senior Brian Duwe are students who are taking an active role in furthering research in an area where knowledge is limited. Carolus presented her research results to students, faculty and local residents on campus Wednesday.

As part of the Groundwater Protection Act of 1987, enacted to prevent groundwater contamination and restore its quality, some counties received five-year funding for projects like this.

With Carolus' help, 345 wells in Bremer County, nearly 13 percent of the rural households, were tested in 1989 for dangerous levels of three contaminants. Water samples sent into a local lab were measured for levels of coliform, a bacteria derived from human and livestock wastes; nitrates and pesticides.

Of all the wells tested, 19 wells exceeded the safe range for levels of nitrates. Six wells contained significant amounts of pesticides.

National research on groundwater is limited, making it difficult to determine the implications of Carolus' findings. Still, the research is a positive first step according to her internship advisor, Dr. David Busch.

"We don't know that much about water in Bremer County," said the chemistry professor. "That's why it's nice to have preliminary studies like these."

Yet, some residents are leery of water testing because it's relatively new, Carolus said.

"The reactions at the homes I visited ranged from 'I've been meaning to get around to having my water tested' to 'I'm surprised you got past my dog,'" she said. "The testing was on a volunteer basis. Some residents were just afraid of what they might find out."

Duwe is also working to counteract the lack of groundwater knowledge. His capstone research project is a takeoff of Carolus's

"I'm trying to find a correlation between well depth, bacteria levels and well types," the biology major said.

Though he's only midway in his research, Duwe's findings may calm concerns about Waverly's water.

"I tested the water in my apartment, and as far as bacteria, nitrates, and pesticides go, it's safe enough to drink."

Internships give job seeking students extra edge

by Leah Hansen

When interviewing for a job most people have a resume, credentials and recommendations, but some applicants have something else which separates them from the field of candidates. What is this something else that can help you get a *job? Experience.*

Whether it is an internship or a summer job in a field related to your major, experience may be the extra asset that can get you the job.

"Hands on experience is important," said Will Smith, director of the Career Development Center. "Potential employers look for a work background on resumes."

A person who has had experience is more marketable for several reasons. This person has dealt with employer/employee relations, has gained insight into his/her field and is more confident.

The CDC can help students who wish to look for internships or summer work. The CDC has established a file containing data sheets on companies who would be interested in employing an intern. It is the responsibility of the students to contact the business or organization for further information.

Several books are also available in the career resource library dealing with internships and summer jobs.

The CDC also has a file with information on nanny openings, tour guides, government, volunteer organizations and summer camps. Many of these employers interview on campus during the year.

The CDC also suggests that students talk to their adviser, for they can be a valuable resource for contacting possible employers and can assist the student in attaining an internship or summer job.

For some students internships are required, while for others it is an elective. They can be taken for course credit at the cost of a regular course. To gain credit a student must work 140 hours and register the internship with the Registrar's office. Students may also intern for experience only without gaining credit.

"An internship is a big plus," said Smith. "Employers look at a resume and if the student has taken the initiative to find a job, it says a student is independent. These are qualities employers look for. It shows foresight and desire."

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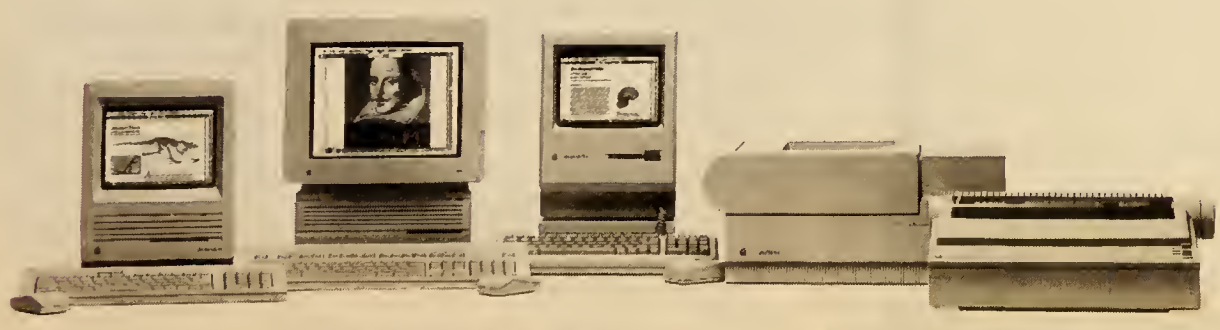

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Second in a series

A day in the life of... *The Student Union*

by Tim Pearson

8:05 a.m., Tuesday, Nov. 28: It's blustery. It's frigid. It's the kind of morning that seems beautiful when you're home on break and watching t.v. on the sofa, but when you have to put on the backpack and walk a few blocks across campus the excitement kind of wears off.

Most of the students who lurch out of bed and go to the Student Union at this time of day are here only to get some breakfast. There's really little other attraction, unless you're heavily into reading the "Books for Sale" announcements on the bulletin board.

Few people up this early care who sees them and what their hair looks like, so there's no hesitation whatsoever in wearing some kind of headgear to keep warm - ski caps, stocking caps, baseball caps, hoods. Anything ugly will do. Fashion has its place, but it only goes so far.

Downstairs, the Information Desk is decked out in some fake garland and a single string of lights. Amid this holiday festivity, sophomore Angie Olson is studying note cards for a Person and Society test in between phone calls.

Information is actually a misnomer, because the desk secretary is more like a human phone directory. Olson laughs and recalls the time an older lady called and rattled off a long riddle.

"I'm always behind. I go out with my girlfriend too much."
-Travis Bolton

"She wanted to know a type of tree for the answer," Olson says. "I thought she was joking, so she read it again. When she read it a third time I connected her to the library."

All of which brings to mind the time I called and asked what the capital of Ecuador was, and the flustered receptionist offered to look it up. I decide not to mention that now.

9:40 a.m.: Other than the Student Senate meeting in Buhr Lounge, there isn't much happening around here. It is noticeable, however, that the majority of students have now showered and made themselves presentable for the day.

The traditional Wartburg Christmas tree stands outside Danforth Chapel, stretching all the way up to the ceiling windows, and undecorated as of yet. Senior Jane Mrosko wanders by and, displaying a complete lack of yuletide spirit, points a thumbs down in the tree's direction, saying it's "not full enough."

The top of the tree is balanced by a rope tied to the railing overlooking the Visitors Center, and the temptation is almost too much to resist. Heh, heh, heh.

10:25 a.m.: People are pouring into the caf as the lunch hour begins. Out of the blue a representative from Waldorf College shows up to observe the check system, which at Wartburg means the tag team of Lucille Thompson and Norma Geweke. Lucille refuses to get flustered by the scrutiny and responds to the challenge, ignoring her stool and standing up as the students whiz by faster and faster.

Lucille confesses that occasionally she misses a name, but quickly glosses that over. "If I do forget, I find out who it is and the next time I really remember," she says.

Norma comes by and denies the accusation that she and Lucille sneak off to Hardees or brown bag it for their meals. "No way," Norma says. "We eat here every day, lunch and dinner."

How can you not believe Lucille and Norma?

It's extremely warm inside the cafeteria, maybe as compensation for the weather outside. The pillars and walls are covered with wreaths and various other greenery, which makes for quite a merry eating atmosphere.

Senior Beth Ramsey makes the tragic mistake of opening her mail at the check counter, and becomes so thrilled at the contents that she backs up the line and earns the wrath of the people behind her.

Paul Mugan, senior, stops by and, with a touch of clairvoyance, offers the disturbing prediction that because a wall hanging just fell down in Swensen lounge, Swensen House itself will soon tumble because of high winds or other natural causes.

Suzanne Vlasek, sophomore, and roommate Sandy Nagle, junior, halt in front of the salad bar and share the news that they've both been sick and have thrown up.

There's only so much excitement a man can take.

1:45 p.m.: The game room doubles as the tornado shelter, and quite possibly gets used more in that latter capacity.

One student is playing Space Shuttle pinball, another is playing Tentris on a Pac-Man-looking machine that blares loud Russian music the entire time the game is in operation. More quarters are stacked up in readiness, although he grudgingly admits he's winning.

Not minding the inactivity is freshman Matt Helgeson, one of the game room managers, who knows a soft job when he sees one.

"During the day it's usually empty like this," he says. "But around suppertime we sometimes get 10 to 15 people in here."

Helgeson can afford to smile. To earn his workstudy check all he has to do is sit in the game room and read his Biology 104 homework.

"I got lucky," he says. "A lot of freshmen get stuck sweeping floors at 5:30 in the morning. Someone must like me."

The place is awash with color - red tables, yellow chairs, red bannisters, green pillars, blue walls, a brown couch, bar lights above the pool tables, a neon "Arcade" sign, and spinning police car lights atop the F-14 Tomcat pinball game. No one with a headache should come down here.

8 p.m.: Working hard at maintaining its reputation as the home of the saltiest popcorn on the face of the earth, the popcorn maker in The Den chugs out its delightfully aromatic produce.

"Drink that stuff and you'll hallucinate and think Elvis is alive."
-Chuck Sween

Sophomore Chuck Sween is sitting at one of the tables, wasting away a 15-minute break in his Oriental Thought night class, and debating whether or not to buy something. After awhile he decides to dig deep into his wallet and springs for a glass of water.

Copies of the Swap Sheet, a community buying and selling paper, are lying around, and an ad about a complete set of Elvis liquor bottles, sealed and certified, catches Sween's eye.

"Drink that stuff and you'll hallucinate and think Elvis is alive," he says.

Whatever.

Midnight: When the Student Union is empty, like it nearly is now, any sound echoes like in a European cathedral. The Information Desk secretary is sipping coffee and watching David Letterman trade one-liners with Roseanne Barr, and you can hear the laughs all the way up the flight of stairs and to the entrance of Buhr Lounge.

Seven diligent students still remain enraptured in their homework at this late hour, scattered around Buhr. Head down, pounding a calculator, and working up a sweat, junior Steve Blackledge is preparing for a test tomorrow.

"It's in physics," he says. "I'd give it a tough rating."

Over in the dim light of the corner, freshman Travis Bolton is wading through Human Expression handouts in between listening to Def Lepard tunes on his Walkman.

"I'm here because I'm behind a lot," he explains. "I go out with my girlfriend too much."

Herschel Pratt won't be around to lock up for another hour, but hey, I'm not in Human Expression and I don't have a physics test.

The day is over.

PASSING THROUGH THE UNION–(Above) A student checks out the card selection in the book store. (Below) Freshman Mark Simons catches up on the news. Deb Barber photos.

Eight three pointers for Reinhardt

Knights drop conference opener to Spartans, 86-79

The Wartburg men's basketball team opened its Iowa Conference schedule and a seven-game road trip Saturday with a loss to Dubuque, 86-79. The loss drops the Knights to 0-1 in the conference and 2-3 overall.

Junior Todd Reinhardt led Wartburg in scoring with 36 points. He tossed in eight three-point field goals. Senior Mike Lee led the Knights in rebounding, pulling down five.

Wartburg's four previous games included victories over Central, 76-66, and Dordt, 87-65, and losses to Clarke, 2-0 by forfeit, and the UM-Morris, 85-81.

The defending champion Knights were slated as one of three conference teams expected to fight for the title. Dubuque and Simpson are the other two teams given mention. But Wartburg Coach Buzz Levick said that the only real contender will be the Dubuque Spartans.

"If they don't win the title this year, I'll be very surprised," Levick said. "They have size, quickness, depth and the type of athletes most of the rest of us don't have."

Levick is looking to the forward position to lead the Knights.

"I think we've got some people who can score at the forward positions," Levick said. "But I don't know how well we'll play defense. The other area we need to improve is our ballhandling."

Injuries have forced the Knights to rearrange lineups. Junior Mark Olenius is out with a bad ankle and junior Jeff Panek is suffering from a strained hip muscle. Levick is uncertain about either players' return.

This opened the door, however, for two other Knight cagers. Sophomore Lance Haupt replaced Olenius and junior Brad Horstmann took over for Panek.

"Haupt has played well offensively," Levick said. "He is looking at the basket and he will keep getting better. He needs to work on his defense so he doesn't get in foul trouble. He's an aggressive player."

With his top two reserves starting, Levick looks to use junior Doug Stulken at forward and center and junior Chad Eben at guard and small forward.

The Knights are a young squad and Levick said its play is still inconsistent.

"We build a lead and then get away from doing the things that got us there," Levick said. "If we stay with the things that we can do physically, we are all right."

Wartburg has been led in scoring most of the way by Reinhardt. He along with junior Dan Nettleton are the only starters back from last year's title winning team.

The Knights travel to Roseville, MN, Tuesday to face Northwestern and to Pella for an IIAC confrontation with Central. Then it's off to Dubuque to face Clarke on Saturday.

Reprobates defeat Picht House to claim IM volleyball crown

by Rhonda Reed

The men's intramural volleyball team, the Reprobates, defeated Picht House on Nov. 14 to win the championship game.

"As the season went on we bacame accustomed to eachothers' style of playing and this helped us win the games," said junior Jeff Daune, captain of the Reprobates.

"I was really impressed with the talent and competetiveness of all the teams," said Troy Neil, co-director of intramurals.

Four Knights named to all-conference team

by Trent Holmberg

Four members of the Wartburg football team were named to the all Iowa Conference team for 1989.

Junior Kyle Kreinbring received first-team laurels at defensive back after recording a team-leading 89 tackles and seven interceptions.

Named as a second-team defensive back was senior Kurt Luhring who had 82 tackles and two interceptions, narrowly missing all-conference linebacker honors.

Senior center Brian Hart was honored as a second-team offensive lineman for his efforts in the numbers put up by Wartburg's other second-team offensive choice, junior Darren Bohlen. He rushed for a team-leading 1,014 yards and nine touchdowns. Bohlen was also named the team's most valuable player.

Simpson star named small college MVP

by Tom Buchhelm

Simpson College running back Ricky Gales was one of four college football players to receive the "Coaches' Choice" award Thursday by the Detroit Athletic Club. Gales was also named player of the year in Division II (small college) football.

Gales, who led the Redmen to the playoffs this past season, set four single-season records. He racked up 2,035 rushing yards, scored 166 points, scored 26 rushing touchdowns, and scored the most overall touchdowns (26).

His career at Simpson included 3,336 yards rushing and 44 touchdowns. After his record 389 yards in a playoff loss to St. John's, Gales ended his 1989 campaign with 2,424 rushing yards, second best in NCAA history.

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From the Sidelines

by Bob Howie

With college basketball starting we can all look forward to the college basketball polls. Don't you just adore polls? I especially love preseason polls. They are so insightful. For example, this year the polls were right on with their preseason pick of UNLV as the number one team in the nation. Except there was one draw back, they got beat, no I take that back, they got crushed. Who crushed the mighty UNLV Runnin' Rebels? None other than previously unranked Kansas who two nights before had played giant killers and dispatched the number two team in the nation, LSU.

What I really found amusing was that Kansas, who was picked to finish as low as sixth in the Big Eight conference, then went on to beat number 23 ranked St. John's. The funny part is that when the next rankings came out, Kansas was ranked as high as number four in some college polls. They will probably get beat by some no name. I was still amazed to see that UNI took Wartburg off their schedule. What were they afriad? I don't think so, they replaced the Knights with Georgetown. Ouch! Oh well, they would have lost anyway.

The preseason top five included UNLV, LSU, Syracuse, Michigan and Arizona. Of the five only Syracuse has yet to lose a game. Polls are so accurate.

Basketball polls are fun to play with but this year's football poll is a blast. Here is the scenario. It seems that everything would have worked out right but Notre Dame went down to Miami and got crushed. This opened the door for the Colorado Buffalos who will be crowned national champions if they beat once beaten Norte Dame.

Now here is where it gets real confusing. If Notre Dame beats Colorado this will open the door for several teams. Let's start with Miami. They lost to Florida State but beat Notre Dame. If they can defeat Alabama in the Sugar Bowl they can lay claim to the crown. Michigan is the next team that can claim the title. They lost a heart stopper to Notre Dame at the beginning of the season but have not lost since. They would have to route USC in the Rose Bowl in order to win it all.

There are a few other teams that could argue that they are the best. Nebraska has only lost one game and that was to Colorado. Florida State lost its first two games but have played the best football of the season since.

Well I hope that everyone is really confused by this device that the media has provided us with. Remember the next time you look at a top 25 poll for any sport, it really doesn't mean a thing. The only poll that really matters is the poll at the end of the year, or that particular event.

Smith drops in 30 points

Lady Knights drop Northwestern in double-OT cliffhanger, 91-87

The Wartburg women's basketball team knocked off Northwestern of Orange City Saturday, 91-87, in a double-overtime cliffhanger. The win moves the Knights to 6-1 overall.

Senior center Kathy Smith led the Knights in scoring, shoveling in 30 points. Senior guard Kim Sheda added 27 and led the Knights in rebounds, pulling down 10.

Wartburg led at the half, 39-33, but Northwestern knotted things up at the end of regulation, 67-67. The stalemate continued after the first overtime with the two teams tied at 81.

The Knights are a heavy favorite to win a first ever conference title, according to a pre-season poll of league coaches. Wartburg finished two games back of Luther last year, posting a 13-3 conference record.

The Knights return four starters from that team. Smith led Wartburg last year with 424 points, becoming the fourth member of the 1,000 point club.

Head Coach Monica Severson expects the play of four freshmen to be key in leading the Knights.

Severson's most improved player has been senior forward Chris Anderson.

"If the rest of our players played defense the way she does, we would have the kind of defense that I've always looked for," Severson said. "She does so many little things right."

The Knights are on the road this week against Central Friday and Mt. Mercy Saturday.

TAKEDOWN–Sophomore Troy Moss puts the moves on a University of Wisconsin-Platteville opponent in the 134 pound division last Wednesday. The Knights outwrestled UWP, 28-9. Kevin Bender photo.

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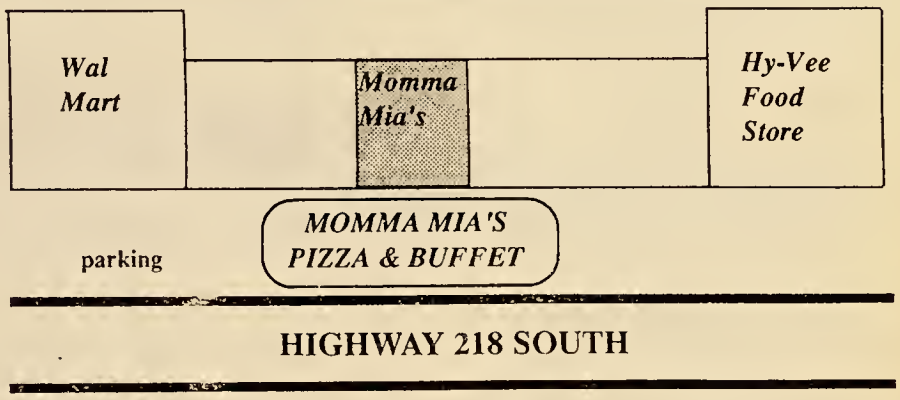

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